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## MEDIA BUREAU ANNOUNCES COMMENT AND REPLY COMMENT DEADLINES FOR THE FURTHER NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING REGARDING REVISION OF THE COMMISSION'S PROGRAM ACCESS RULES

## MB DOCKET NO. 12-68

FNPRM Comment Deadline: November 30, 2012 FNPRM Reply Comment Deadline: December 17, 2012

On October 5, 2012, the Commission adopted and released a Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in the Matter of *Revision of the Commission's Program Access Rules* (the "*Program Access FNPRM*"). In the *Program Access FNPRM*, the Commission seeks comment on revisions to the program access rules pertaining to buying groups and rebuttable presumptions in program access complaint proceedings challenging certain exclusive contracts. The Commission set deadlines for filing comments and reply comments at 30 and 45 days, respectively, after publication of the *Program Access FNPRM* in the *Federal Register*.<sup>2</sup>

By this *Public Notice*, the Media Bureau announces that the *Program Access FNPRM* was published in the *Federal Register* today, October 31, 2012.<sup>3</sup> Comments must be submitted no later than November 30, 2012. Reply Comments must be submitted no later than December 17, 2012. Commenters should follow the filing instructions provided in paragraph 116 of the *Program Access FNPRM*.<sup>4</sup> The *Program Access FNPRM* is also available on the Commission's website.<sup>5</sup>

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See Revision of the Commission's Program Access Rules, MB Docket No. 12-68, Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, FCC 12-123 (rel. Oct. 5, 2012).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> See Program Access FNPRM at 1.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> See Revision of the Commission's Program Access Rules, 77 Fed. Reg. 66052 (Oct. 31, 2012).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> See Program Access FNPRM at ¶ 116.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> See <a href="http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edocs\_public/attachmatch/FCC-12-123A1.doc">http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edocs\_public/attachmatch/FCC-12-123A1.doc</a> (Word), <a href="http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edocs\_public/attachmatch/FCC-12-123A1.pdf">http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edocs\_public/attachmatch/FCC-12-123A1.doc</a> (Word),